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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel, amend or retain the claims as follows:

Claims 1-11 (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A multimedia direct communication system comprising:

a web server connected to a distributed computer network, said web server including an electronic message communication (chat) server having a CGI interface;

an application program embedded in a plurality of client personal computers connected via said distributed computer network, said application program interlocking with HTTP protocol to work with said web server using said interlocking HTTP protocol;

said web server using a PC application so that said plurality of client personal computers communicate with each other in semi-real-time electronic message communication (chat) using said interlocking HTTP protocol;

said application program including a display window for displaying said chat; and

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said application program also activating, displaying, transmitting and receiving multimedia applications, information and contents by working with said web server through said HTTP protocol, said multimedia applications, information and content being displayed concurrently and in said same display window with said chat, said application program consistently accessing and communicating with said web server through said interlocking HTTP protocol without activating browser software.

13. (Canceled).

14. (Previously Presented) The multimedia direct communication system as set forth in claim 12, wherein each of said client personal computers includes a memory for storing said application program and data from said multimedia applications, storage of said data allowing a user continuing access to said data when said client personal computer is not in communication with said web server.

15. (Previously Presented) The multimedia direct communication system as set forth in claim 14, wherein said application program has a function enabling a user to input data

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manually to the memory for storage therein and to transmit said data from the client personal computer to an interlocked web application on the web server.

16. (Previously Presented) The multimedia direct communication system as set forth in claim 15, wherein said function of enabling the user to input data is active when the client personal computer is not connected to the web server.

17. (Previously Presented) The multimedia direct communication system as set forth in claim 16, wherein, upon connection of said client personal computer to said web server, the stored data is transmitted to the interlocked web application on the web server.

18. (Currently Amended) The multimedia direct communication system as set forth in claim 12, wherein said distributed computer network includes an intranet connecting said plurality of client personal computers and an Internet connecting said plurality of computers to said web server, said semi-real-time chat enabled through use of said HTTP protocol and an open port

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80 of a proxy server/firewall for communication from said intranet to said Internet.

19. (Previously Presented) The multimedia direct communication system as set forth in claim 12, wherein said web server includes a function to check for client connection with said web server to determine whether clients are ready to receive chat using said HTTP protocol.

20. (Previously Presented) The multimedia direct communication system as set forth in claim 12, wherein said web server includes a CGI interface for continuously distributing several types of information in character form to said application program through said web server from an information provider outside of said web server.

21. (Currently Amended) A multimedia direct communication system comprising an application program embedded in a plurality of client personal computers connected via a distributed computer network, said application program interlocking with HTTP protocol to communicate with a web server on said distributed computer network using said interlocking HTTP protocol, and displaying on

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each of said personal computers both electronic message communication data and multimedia information received from said web server, both said data and said information being fully supported and controlled by said interlocking HTTP protocol and displayed in a common display window independently of any browser software activation.

22. (Previously Presented) The multimedia direct communication system as set forth in claim 21, wherein said multimedia information includes a plurality of multimedia applications.

23. (Previously Presented) The multimedia direct communication system as set forth in claim 21, wherein said multimedia information includes a plurality of media selected from motion picture, still picture, character information, graphic information, and voice communication.

24. (Previously Presented) The multimedia direct communication system as set forth in claim 22, wherein said electronic message communication data and multimedia information

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received from said web server are displayed simultaneously in said common display window.

25. (Previously Presented) The multimedia direct communication system as set forth in claim 22, wherein each of said client personal computers includes a memory for storing said application program and data from said multimedia applications, storage of said data allowing a user continuing access to said data when said client personal computer is not in communication with said web server.

26. (Previously Presented) The multimedia direct communication system as set forth in claim 25, wherein said application program has a function enabling a user to input data manually to the memory for storage therein and to transmit said data from the client personal computer to an interlocked web application on the web server.

27. (Previously Presented) The multimedia direct communication system as set forth in claim 26, wherein said function of enabling the user to input data is active when the client personal computer is not connected to the web server.

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28. (Previously Presented) The multimedia direct communication system as set forth in claim 27, wherein, upon connection of said client personal computer to said web server, the stored data is transmitted to the interlocked web application on the web server.